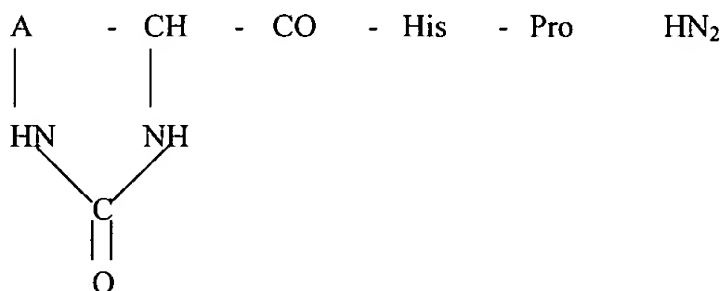


Please add claims 11 through 17:

11. A peptide of general formula



in which A is a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 2 carbon atoms, which chain is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁ - C₃ alkyl groups and functional groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom.

12. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is substituted by a functional group comprising at least one oxygen atom.

13. The peptide according to claim 12, wherein the functional group comprising at least one oxygen atom is selected from carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl and alkoxy group.

14. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is substituted with a functional group containing sulphur.

15. The peptide according to claim 14, in which the functional group containing sulphur is a mercapto group.

16. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is a polymethylene group.

17. The peptide according to Claim 11, wherein said functional group is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy and mercapto group.